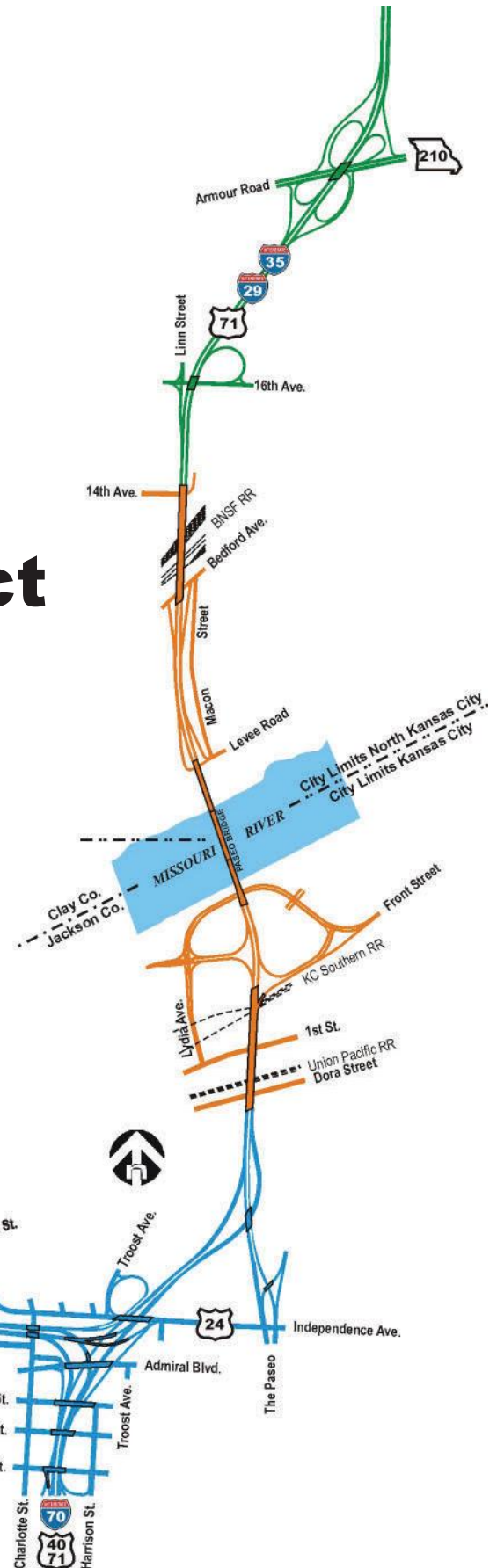




FINAL Environmental Impact Statement



**North Kansas City & Kansas City
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Readers and Reviewers

This I-29/35 Paseo Bridge Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) has been prepared in the Condensed Format according to the guidance provided by Federal Highway Administration Technical Advisory, T6640.8A. This Condensed Format approach avoids repetition of material from the Draft EIS by incorporating, by reference, the Draft EIS.

This Condensed Format parallels the format of the Draft EIS. Each major chapter of this Final EIS briefly summarizes the important information contained in the corresponding section of the Draft EIS and discusses any noteworthy changes that have occurred since the Draft EIS was circulated. Chapter V, titled Comments and Coordination, has been substantially rewritten to include an update of the comments received during the formal 45-day review period. The responses to substantive comments are also included in Chapter V.

A CD copy of the Draft EIS is included with this document.

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by the

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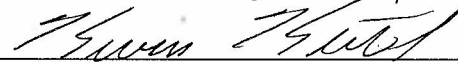
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The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) are proposing to reconstruct and widen Interstate 29/35 with new interchange configurations, structures and roadways in Clay and Jackson Counties. This includes the possible rehabilitation or removal of the existing bridge over the Missouri River. The study corridor extends approximately 4.7 miles (7.6 kilometers), from just north of Missouri Route 210/Armour Road in Clay County and continues south on I-29/35/US 71, to the northwest corner of the central business district (CBD) freeway loop in downtown Kansas City, Missouri. The project includes the north side of the CBD loop, designated as both I-35/70 and US 24/40. This document examines operational and capacity modifications for this project and considers completing a major rehabilitation of the existing I-29/35 Paseo Bridge over the Missouri River and constructing a new companion bridge or replacing the existing bridge with an entirely new structure or structures. A final determination on the Paseo Bridge and interchange configurations will be made during the design-build process.

Comments on this Final EIS are due by **December 18, 2006** and should be sent to the persons listed above.